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1. PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT
DIIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
AS OF LATE AFTERNOON, JUNE 19. PROTOCOL, SIGNED BY
TWO COUNTRIES' AMBASSADORS IN PARIS, SPECIFIES THAT
RELATIONS TO BE AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL.

2. COMMENT: EAST GERMANY FOLLOWS YUGOSLAVIA, USSR
AND ROMANIA AMONG EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ESTABLISHING
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MISSION HAS ALREADY VISITED LISBON, WHILE HUNGARIAN COMMERCIAL MISSION CURRENTLY IN CAPITAL. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACT, HOWEVER, RELATIONS WITH EAST BLOC COUNTRIES, POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, WILL BE LIMITED BY THESE FACTORS:

A) THERE ARE FEW AREAS IN WHICH TRADE CAN BE EXPANDED;

B) THE COST OF MAINTAINING NEW MISSIONS THROUGHOUT EAST (AND AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE) CANNOT BE SUPPORTED BY PRESENT GOP BUDGET;

C) PROFESSIONAL PORTUGUESE FOREIGN SERVICE WILL BE STRAINED AND SPREAD THIN TRYING TO COVER ALL COUNTRIES NEWLY INTERESTED IN RELATIONS WITH LISBON. SCOTT

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